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POSTS SUBMITS COMBINED PARTS 1 AND 2 NOMINATING IV
CANDIDATE FERNANDO BERROCAL SOTO, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER
AND COSTA RICAN DELEGATE TO CENTRAL AMERICAN
COMMON MARKET: PRESENT POSITION: ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER
TO HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE FOR RESTRUCTURING
CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET. PAST POSITIONS:
PRESIDENT OF THE COSTA RICAN STUDENT FEDERATION,
SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE COSTA RICAN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES, DIRECTOR
OF NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA LIBRE. BORN SAN JOSE, C.R.
FEBRUARY 19, 1945; COSTA RICAN; MALE; MARRIED; 2 CHILDREN
AGES 6-4 GIRLS; ADDRESS: URBANIZACION HOLANDESA,
SAN RAMON DE TRES RIOS, P.O. BOX 10121, SAN JOSE, C.R.;
EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: WIFE, MARIA AMALIA SOTELA
DE BERROCAL, SAME ADDRESS, TELEPHONE: 25-40-66; GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA, STUDIED ALSO
IN ROME FOR TWO YEARS; MEMBER OF THE C.R. BAR ASSOCIATION
AND COSTA RICAN JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION; PUBLICATIONS,
SEE OUR REFERENCE AIRGRAM; PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD:
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CLEARED FOR VISA; REASONS FOR NOMINATION: A BRILLIANT, PRAGMATIC, INTERNATIONALLY-MINDED YOUNG LAWYER NOT YET TURNED THIRTY, HAS BEEN A LEADER SINCE HIS UNIVERSITY DAYS AND IS OBVIOUSLY DESTINED FOR A PLACE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. BESIDES HIS KEY POSITION ON THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATION TO THE C.A. COMMON MARKET, HE IS A CHIEF ADVISER TO PRESIDENT ODUBER ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. POST OBJECTIVES TO US VISIT: TO FACILITATE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE NOMINEE AND APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (SEE BELOW), WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING HIM WITH AN OVERVIEW OF NORTH AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE. B.-PROGRAM INFORMATION-POST'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM: MR. BERROCAL HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM DANIEL SCHYDLOWSKY, PROF. OF ECONOMICS AT THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TO ATTEND A MEETING FROM OCTOBER 16 TO 18 ON PROBLEMS OF INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE '70S, TO BE COSPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND THE OAS AND ATTENDED BY FORMER PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO, CARLOS SANZ DE SANTA MARIA, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED DEVELOPMENT LEADERS, MOST OF THESE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BUT PROF. SCHYDLOWSKY, WHO MET SR. BERROCAL WHILE VISITING COSTA RICA LAST JUNE, HAS ALSO INVITED HIM TO STAY ON UNTIL OCTOBER 22 OR 23 TO ADDRESS THE CENTER'S STUDENTS AND FACULTY ON CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND CONDUCT AN INFORMAL SEMINAR WITH A SMALL, DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PROFESSORS ON PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN C.A. AND/OR COMMON MARKET TARIFF RATES. THE POST BELIEVES THIS TO BE AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK AND POTENTIALLY PRODUCTIVE COMMUNICATION ON AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE ISSUE. EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH PROF. SCHYDLOWSKY, A PERUVIAN CITIZEN, DURING HIS VISIT TO SAN JOSE AND WE THINK THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM COULD VERY SAFELY BE LEFT IN HIS HANDS. AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE NECESSARY IN

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BOSTON. THE ADDRESS OF THE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IS 745 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON 02215; TELEPHONE: 617-353-4030. (FOR REST OF PROGRAM SEE A-102). PROPOSED US ARRIVAL SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 9, 1974 ON PAA FLIGHT 542/504 SAN JOSE, MIAMI; EA 176 MIAMI-WASHINGTON, D.C., ARRIVING AT 6:35 P.M. SAME DAY. PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED.

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